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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines with regard to the programmes being shown on Indian TV and to what extent these are being observed by the different channels; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to deal with the violation of the guidelines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): As per the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, the programmes of satellite channels, when transmitted through cable networks, are required to adhere to the prescribed programme and advertisement codes. In case of violation by any channel of these codes, the Ministry will notify such channel for prohibiting its retransmission by the cable operators. Enforcement of the provisions of the Act rests with the authorized officers i.e. DMs. SDMs, Commissioner of Police andother officers as may be notified by the Central/State Governments.TV channels uplinking their programmes from India are also bound through appropriate licensing conditions, to abide by the programme and advertisement codes, as applicable to Doordarshan.